

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claims 2, 14, 23, 31, 38, 50, 59, and 71 are canceled. Claims 1, 3-5, 8-9, 11-12, 15, 22, 24, 26-27, 30, 32, 35-37, 39, 40-41, 44, 47-48, 51, 58, 60-62, 65, 66, 68-69, and 72 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-13, 15-22, 24-30, 32-37, 39-49, 51-58, 60-70, and 72-78 are pending in the application.

Applicant concurrently submits a Request for Continued Examination to permit entry of this Amendment.

Applicant appreciates the personal interview between the undersigned and Examiners Osman and Salad on July 14, 2005. Agreement was reached during the interview that the outstanding §103 rejection in view of Lee and Olkin would be overcome if the independent claims were amended to specify "invoking a resource configured for encrypting [or decrypting] the message". The claims have been amended as agreed during the personal interview, hence the §103 rejection should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-24, 26-33, 35-41, 43-52, 54-62, 64-73, and 75-78 under 35 USC 103 in view of Lee and Olkin is moot in view of the foregoing.

It is believed the remaining dependent claims are allowable in view of their dependency from the respective independent claims.

In view of the above, it is believed this application is in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any missing or insufficient fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a) or 1.17(e), to Deposit Account No. 50-1130, under Order No. 95-456, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L R Turkevich', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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